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**REMARKS**

In view of the above amendment and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are unpatentable under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 101 or made obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

**I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-20 of US Patent 6,898,261 (Hunter et al.). In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 1-19 without prejudice. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is moot.

Moreover, the Applicants maintain that the cancellation of claims 1-19 is made to expedite prosecution of the present application and is in no way a concession as to the propriety of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. As such, the Applicants preserve the right to file one or more continuing applications in order to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

**II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 20-26 AND 28-34 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-26 and 28-34 in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Singh et al. (U.S. Patent 6,026,354, issued on February 15, 2000) in view of Wiedenman, (U.S. Patent 7,051,131, issued on May 23, 2006). In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 20-26 and 28-34 without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 20-26 and 28-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is moot.

Moreover, the Applicants maintain that the cancellation of claims 20-26 and 28-34 is made to expedite prosecution of the present application and is in no way a concession as to the propriety of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103. As such, the Applicants preserve the right to file one or more continuing applications in order to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

**III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Applicants express their appreciation that dependent claim 27 is allowable. Responsive to the Examiner, Applicants have rewritten claim 27 into independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 27, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

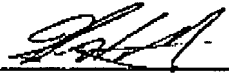
Thus, the Applicants submit that all of the presented claims now fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101 and §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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